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CIA spies the right stuff at 'SC

Finds Trojans suited for espionage

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When people conjure up images of the Central Intelligence Agency, they usually think of spies travelling around the world foiling international conspiracies and overthrowing foreign governments.

Although not all CIA agents are involved in James Bond adventures, students who are interested in spying or other CIA activities are attending the right school. The CIA recruits agents from this university.

Four times each year, the agency runs an advertisement in the *Daily Trojan* offering employment opportunities. "We've been doing it for years," said Larry Curran, CIA personnel representative for Southern California and Arizona. "We try to reach people with diverse backgrounds."

Obviously, the typical CIA employee is not a spy. The CIA, like other large federal agencies, has many diverse job possibilities within its four branches, which are referred to as directorates.

"I recruit across the board, for all the directorates," Curran said. The directorates are Administration, Science and Technology, the National Foreign Assessment Center and Operations (where the special agents work).

The recruiting takes place at 16 schools.

"It's very effective," Curran

said. "USC, UCLA and the University of Arizona are the best. They're the schools we get the most people from."

Most of Curran's recruits come from the international relations department, but he also finds interested students in other departments.

"We are an employer that hires liberal arts graduates. We have just as large a recruitment for liberal arts types," he said.

Many business administration majors work for the Administration Directorate. Students are recruited for all the directorates from such diverse majors as economics, foreign languages, area studies, history, journalism, accounting, finance, logistics, strategic studies, computer science, mathematics, physics and optics.

The typical CIA employee should have a good character and be a flexible person who can adapt to different situations, Curran said. He should also have good communication skills, an interest in international relations and want a ca-

reer in government service.

He should have had a liberal arts education, excelled academically while at college and have a good sense of history, politics and economics.

A CIA employee must be a United States citizen and be willing to relocate, since most of the jobs are in the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Also, all new employees have to go through a period of training in Washington before they start work. The agent may also find himself living in a foreign country and should be able to speak a foreign language.

He must be a resourceful problem solver who is willing to work anonymously.

Curran said that the CIA offers the same long-term, consistent employment as other government agencies.

"I came here at 40, and have been in recruiting ever since. We have job opportunities for young people who are interested in government employment and advancement on merit."